Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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depressed in the radial direction by the elasticity of the corrugated strip steel plates 8a and 8b and retained over the inner circumferential portion of the retainer member 9. The corrugated strip steel plates 8a and 8b are also retained in a predetermined axial position within the annular gap G by the elasticity thereof. In addition, since the corrugated strip plates 8a and 8b are inserted into the annular gap G through the strip-like metal thin plate 10a in the axial direction, there is no axial positional offset or drop, i.e., axial displacement, and the plates are always retained in the predetermined axial position without fail. The strip-like metal thin plate 10a constitutes a means for preventing the axial positional offset of the corrugated plate-like damper member.—

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--In Fig. 2 showing a second embodiment of the present invention, the positional offset preventing means of the corrugated plate-like damper member is an annular convex portion 10b formed on the inner circumferential surface of a

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cylindrical retainer member 9. An annular gap G is divided into the upper and lower stages by this annular convex portion 10b. Then, a corrugated strip steel plate 8b and a corrugated strip steel plate 8a are inserted into the lower annular gap and the upper annular gap, respectively. Accordingly, also in the second embodiment, the corrugated strip steel plates 8a and 8b are always held in a predetermined axial position of the annular gap G without fail. The height T of the annular convex portion and the width δ of the annular gap are determined so that the sum (T+t) of the height T of the annular convex portion and the thickness t of the corrugated strip steel plates is 0.8 and 1.3 times of the width δ of the annular gap. Thus, the effect to prevent axial positional offset or axial displacement of the corrugated plate-like damper member is further enhanced.—

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--In Fig. 3 showing a third embodiment of the present invention, the positional offset preventing means of the corrugated plate-like damper member is an annular concave portion 10c formed in the inner circumferential surface of the cylindrical retainer member 9. A single corrugated strip steel plate 8c is inserted into this annular concave portion